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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
THE COTTON ADJUSTMENT ASSOCIATION
(An Unincorporated Association)

(County)

(Parish)

of

(Name of county or parish)

(Name of State)

State

ARTICLE I.--NAME

Section 1--The name of this Association shall be the Cotton Adjustment Association of

(County)

(Parish)

State

(Name of county or parish)

(Name of State)

(hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

ARTICLE II.--PURPOSE

Section 2--The Association is organized for the purpose of cooperating with the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") in making effective the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, approved May 12, 1933, as amended, in their application to cotton, or the provisions of any other acts relating to adjustment of cotton production which have been or may be passed by Congress (hereinafter referred to as the "Acts"), and for no other purpose.

It shall operate under the general supervision and direction of the Division of Cotton of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C. (hereinafter referred to as the "Division of Cotton") and upon approval by or on behalf of the Secretary shall be the agency of the above-named county or parish (hereinafter referred to as the "county") for the administration of the Acts relating to adjustment of cotton acreage or production. There shall be only one such Association for each county except as may have already been provided for by the Director of the Division of Cotton.

It is a fundamental principle of the organization of the Association that the Secretary may, in his sole discretion, at any time when it shall appear to him that the conduct of the Association or its further existence is not furthering the purpose or intent of such Acts, or that the Association is no longer necessary to effectuate the declared policy of such Acts, withdraw his approval, whereupon the Association shall cease to exist. The Secretary, at his discretion, may order the organization of a new Association to take the place of any Association that has ceased to exist.

The provisions of these Articles shall be subject to all rulings or regulations applicable thereto heretofore or hereafter prescribed by the Secretary and shall be subject to amendment by the Secretary.

ARTICLE III.--MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. All producers within a county who are parties to a 1934-1935 Cotton Acreage Reduction Contract are members of the Association, and any producer operating land within the county who enters into a 1936 to 1939 contract (hereinafter referred to as the "contract") with the Secretary to adjust cotton acreage or production will thereby become a member of the Association. The County Committee selected as hereinafter provided shall determine from copies of such contracts in the files of the Association whether any producer is a member of said Association.

Section 4--Any member shall cease to be a member when he ceases to be a party to a contract with the Secretary previous to the expiration of the period covered by such contract; or if, upon the expiration of the existing contract, the Secretary offers a new contract and after the lapse of a reasonable period of time he does not become a party thereto he shall cease to be a member. The decision of the County Committee as to cessation of membership shall be final and conclusive. There shall be no membership dues.

ARTICLE IV.--ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES

Section 5--No member of the Association is eligible to serve as a County or Community Committeeman if such member--

- (a) does not derive the principal part of his income directly from farming on the farm(s) covered by contract(s) to which he is a party, or
- (b) is holding an elective or appointive county, State or Federal office, or
- (c) has been, within the past year, or becomes a candidate for an elective or appointive county, State or Federal office, or
- (d) has been previously requested by the Secretary, or his authorized agent, to resign from the position of County or Community Committeeman of a Cotton Adjustment Association, or
- (e) is not a resident of the county for which the Committee acts, or
- (f) has a father, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife, or husband serving as a member of the State Cotton Board for the State in which is located the county for which the committee acts, or
- (g) has a father, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife, or husband serving as a county committeeman in the county for which the committee acts, or
- (h) has a father, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife, or husband serving on the same committee, or
- (i) is engaged in financing or in selling or advancing supplies, including fertilizers, to cotton producers, or in processing, handling, or selling cotton for cotton producers, as a competitive commercial enterprise, or
- (j) is openly and aggressively opposed to the essential provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the amendments thereto, and/or the Administrative Rulings issued thereunder, as they apply to cotton, or
- (k) actively solicits support for election as committeeman.

The tenure of office of any County or Community Committeeman who is or becomes ineligible under the provisions of this section shall forthwith terminate and a successor shall be selected as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE V.--OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Section 6--The County Agricultural Extension Agent (hereinafter referred to as the "County Agent") shall be the representative of the Secretary in all matters affecting the Association, unless otherwise provided by the Secretary.

Section 7--The Association shall have one County Committee which shall consist of three members.

Section 8--If an Assistant in Cotton Adjustment (hereinafter referred to as the "Assistant") is employed, such Assistant will be an ex-officio member of the Association and Secretary to the County Committee.

Section 9.--The County Agent shall designate an appropriate number of cotton-producing communities within the county upon the basis of the number of producer units on which cotton production was reported in applications for allotment and tax-exemption certificates pursuant to the Cotton Act approved April 21, 1934. A community shall consist of not less than 500 producer units except in counties having less than 500 such units in which case there shall be one community.

Section 10--There shall be one Community Committee consisting of three members for each community designated under Section 9.

Section 11--Every committeeman shall hold office until his successor is elected and agrees to serve unless his tenure of office is otherwise terminated.

Section 12--Any committeeman elected to serve in 1936 shall become ineligible to serve in the event such committeeman fails to make application for a 1936-39 contract within fifteen days from the date when such application forms are ready for signing in the county, and any committeeman shall become ineligible to serve in the event that for any reason his contract is not signed within ten days after the contract form is ready for signature.

Section 13--Upon proper showing of the incompetency or ineligibility of any committeeman, the Secretary or his authorized agent shall declare the office vacant, and the resulting vacancy shall be filled as is herein provided.

Section 14--Committeemen shall be paid at the rate of \$3 per day (less any amount which may be required by law to be deducted) for the time actually employed for such services as may be required and certified to by the County Agent and shall furnish their own transportation and subsistence.

ARTICLE VI. -- VOTING

Section 15--Only members of the Association shall be entitled to vote. Each member shall be entitled to one vote in each community in which is located any farm(s) covered by contract(s) to which he is a party. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE VII. -- ELECTIONS

Section 16--The Community Committeemen for 1936 shall be elected in December 1935 from members of the Association in that community by a majority vote of such members as are present and eligible to vote at a meeting called by the County Committee for that purpose by five days public notice given in the usual manner to the members in that community and presided over by the County Agent or such member of the Association as may be designated by the County Agent.

The members of the Community Committee who served in the 1934 and 1935 Cotton Acreage Program in 1935 shall be voted upon by the members who are present and eligible to vote and the two receiving the highest votes shall (subject to the provisions of Article IV) be members of the committee for 1936, and the third member or remaining members for 1936 shall be elected by a majority vote of members present and eligible to vote from the members of the Association in that community who are eligible to serve as committeeman and the remaining Committeeman who served in the 1934 and 1935 Cotton Adjustment Program in 1935. At such meeting there shall also be elected an alternate to serve in case of the absence or inability to serve of a regular committeeman, and in case a vacancy occurs the alternate shall become a regular committeeman. If any further vacancy or vacancies occur the County Agent shall call a meeting of the members of the Association within that community for the purpose of filling such vacancy or vacancies and electing an alternate. Such meetings shall be called within ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy or vacancies, and whenever the date of the vacancy or vacancies can be determined in advance the election shall be held not later than such date. Said meeting shall be presided over by the County Agent or such member of the Association as may be designated by the County Agent. The names of the persons elected shall be reported to the County Agent by the person conducting the meeting if other than the County Agent.

Sec. 17--Each Community Committee shall designate one of its members as chairman.

Sec. 18--The County Committeemen for 1936 shall be elected in December 1935, or as soon thereafter as practicable, by a vote of the members of the Community Committees in the county at a meeting called by the County Committee for that purpose. The County Agent, or some one designated by him, shall preside at the meeting. The members of the County Committee who served in the 1934 and 1935 Cotton Acreage Adjustment Plan for 1935 shall be voted upon by the members of the Community Committees; the two who receive the two highest votes shall (subject to the provisions of Article IV) be members of the County Committee for 1936, and the third member of the County Committee for 1936 shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Community Committees from among members of the Community Committees and the remaining member or members of the County Committee who served in the 1934 and 1935 Cotton Acreage Adjustment Plan for 1935.

At such meeting there shall also be elected ^{by} majority vote an alternate from among members of the Community Committees to serve in case of the absence or inability to serve of a regular committeeman, and in case a vacancy occurs on the Committee the alternate shall become a regular committeeman.

If any further vacancy or vacancies occur on the Committee the County Agent shall call a meeting of the Community Committeemen for the purpose of filling such vacancy or vacancies and electing by a majority vote another alternate from among members of the Community Committees.

Such meeting shall be held within ten days after the occurrence of the vacancy or vacancies, and whenever the date of the vacancy or vacancies can be ascertained in advance it should be held not later than such date.

No community shall be represented by more than one County Committeeman unless there are fewer than three communities in the county.

Sec. 19--The County Committee shall designate one of its members as chairman.

Sec. 20--The names of all committeemen elected shall be reported by the County Agent, through the State Director of Extension Service, to the Director of the Division of Cotton, for approval by him.

Sec. 21--Any method of electing Community and County Committeemen, other than those provided for in Sections 16 and 18, will prior to the holding of the election require the approval of the Director of the Division of Cotton following the recommendation of the State Cotton Board.

ARTICLE VIII.--DUTIES OF COMMITTEEMEN

Section 22--The County Committee shall review all contracts, offers, or other matters filed with them by producers, or pursuant to rulings or regulations, and shall make recommendations to the Secretary or his authorized agent or representative concerning the advisability of entering into such contracts or accepting such offers or the disposition of such other matters. The Committee shall determine and insert in each such contract, offer, or application the data and/or recommendation which, in accordance with rulings or regulations, is necessary for the acceptance or disposition of such contract, offer, or application.

This Committee shall also perform such further duties as may be prescribed for it by rulings or regulations which may be made from time to time by the Secretary.

This Committee shall hold such hearings and conduct such investigations as may be necessary to the performance of its duties.

Sec. 23--The County Agent shall be the custodian of all records of the Association, of the County Committee, and of the Community Committees. All such records shall be kept in the form and manner prescribed by the Director of the Division of Cotton, and they shall be open to examination by any authorized representative of the Secretary. The County Agent shall maintain files of copies of all contracts, offers, and applications and such other records as may be necessary or required. All such records may be inspected by any member of the Association or his authorized agent.

Sec. 24--Each Community Committee shall assist in obtaining, preparing, checking, and approving contracts, offers, or applications; assist the County Agent in notifying members of meetings; ascertain and report, when requested by the County Committee, the total production of cotton for the community (including the production of those in the community who do not apply for contracts), and obtain any other data which may be necessary or may be deemed desirable for the proper functioning of cotton production adjustment plans.

Sec. 25--It shall be the duty of every committeeman having knowledge of a violation of any contract by any producer, or of erroneous data or statements contained in a contract, offer, or application, to inform the County Committee. The County Committee shall take cognizance of every such report, investigate and ascertain the facts concerning the case, and report their findings, action, or recommendation in writing, to the County Agent, who in turn shall submit the report to the State Cotton Board.

ARTICLE IX.--MEETINGS

Sec. 26.--Meetings of the members of the Association in any community for the purpose of transacting business may be called by the Chairman of the Community Committee or the County Agent, and meetings for the county-at-large for the purpose of transacting business may be called by the Chairman of the County Committee or the County Agent. Meetings of the County Committee or a Community Committee may be called by the Chairman of the Committee or the County Agent.

ARTICLE X.--THE ASSOCIATION IN COUNTY WITHOUT COUNTY AGENT

Sec. 27--If the county does not maintain a County Agent, the District Agent of the State Extension Service, in whose district the county is located, may serve in the capacity of a County Agent or may designate another person to discharge the duties herein laid on the County Agent and represent the Secretary.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following members have been elected to serve as a County Committee:

Chairman	
(Name)	(Address)
Member	
(Name)	(Address)
Member	
(Name)	(Address)
Alternate	
(Name)	(Address)

The following members have been elected to serve as Community Committees:

_____	Chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Alternate	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Alternate	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Chairman	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Member	_____
(Name)		(Address)
_____	Alternate	_____
(Name)		(Address)

(If more space is necessary to list Community Committee members, use Form CAC____ and attach hereto, identifying it as part of this document.)

Submitted for approval:

Date _____, 193 . (Signed) _____
(Month) (Day) (County Agent or other
representative of the Secretary.)

APPROVAL BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

The above Articles of Association are hereby approved, and the above-named Association is hereby declared to have been organized in accordance with the terms of said Articles on the _____ day of _____, 1935.

HENRY A. WALLACE,
Secretary of Agriculture,
(For and on behalf of the United States.)

By _____

Date _____, 193 .
(Month) (Day)

FINDING AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL OF COTTON PRODUCTION CONTROL ASSOCIATIONS
ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO FORM No. COTTON 103

The Secretary of Agriculture finds that the respective Cotton Production Control Associations organized pursuant to Form No. Cotton 103 in or for any and all counties in which such Associations have been organized will no longer be necessary to effectuate the declared policy of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and will cease to further the purpose or intent of said Act immediately upon signature on Form No. CAC-3 by the County Agent or other representative of the Secretary, submitting for approval of the Secretary Articles of Association of a Cotton Production Control Association organized pursuant to Form No. CAC-3 in or for any such county. Wherefore the Secretary withdraws his approval of the existing Cotton Control Associations organized pursuant to Form No. Cotton 103, such withdrawal to be effective with respect to each such Association in or for any county immediately upon signature, by such County Agent or representative, on Form CAC-3 of Articles of Association of a Cotton Production Control Association organized pursuant to such Form No. CAC-3 in or for that county, and not before, whereupon pursuant to the provisions of its Articles of Association the Association in or for such county organized pursuant to Form No. Cotton 103 shall forthwith cease to exist.

Dated at Washington, D. C., this _____ day of _____, 1935.

Secretary of Agriculture of the United
States.

